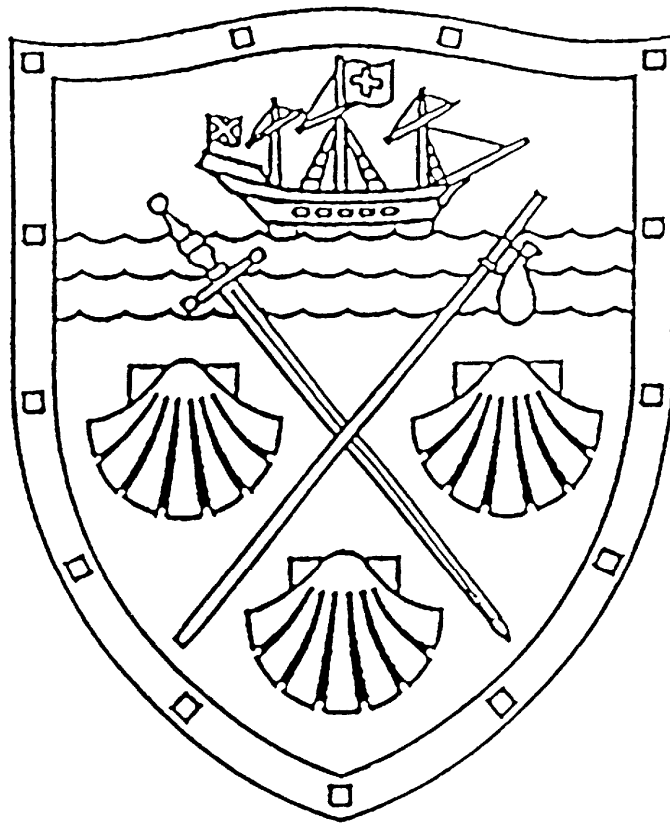


The Cathedral Church of St. James

The Sunday of the Passion with the Liturgy of the Palms

April 2, 2023

Procession & Choral Eucharist at 11:00am



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including times of prayer.*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Mass Setting: Communion Service in e - Harold Darke

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Children are invited to gather in the South West Porch at the start of the service to participate in the procession before proceeding to the Library in the Cathedral Centre for Godly Play; they will return at the offertory.

The Liturgy of the Palms

The liturgical procession gathers in the narthex.

Introit Hosanna to the Son of David

Text: Matthew 21:9;
Music: Orlando Gibbons

Choir Hosanna to the Son of David.
Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna.
Thou that sittest in the highest heavens.
Hosanna in excelsis Deo.

Presider Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy into the celebration of those mighty acts whereby you give us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Gospel of the Palms

Matthew 21: 1-11

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospeller When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, “The Lord needs them.” And he will send them immediately.’ This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ‘Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!’ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, ‘Who is this?’ The crowds were saying, ‘This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.’

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Blessing of the Palms

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Please raise your palm crosses during the blessing.

Presider It is right to praise you, almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. The Hebrews acclaimed Jesus as Messiah and King with palm branches in their hands, crying, “Hosanna in the highest.” Bless and sanctify these branches and crosses of palm, O Lord. May we who carry them go forth to meet Christ and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Procession

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Hymn

Tune: St. Theodulph

*All glory, laud and honour to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed one.

All glory, laud and honour to thee, Redeemer, King...

The company of angels are praising thee on high,
and we with all creation in chorus make reply.

All glory, laud and honour to thee, Redeemer, King...

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present.

All glory, laud and honour to thee, Redeemer, King...

To thee before thy Passion they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee now high exalted our melody we raise.

All glory, laud and honour to thee, Redeemer, King...

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the praise we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King:

All glory, laud and honour to thee, Redeemer, King...

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, tr. John Mason Neale, alt.; Music: Melody Melchior Teschner.

Station During the Procession

Presider Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider Let us pray.

Holy and immortal God, as we enter into this holy week turn our hearts to Jerusalem, so that, united with Christ and all the faithful, we may enter the city not made with hands, your promised realm of justice and peace, eternal from age to age.

People **Amen.**

Hymn

Tune: Ellacombe

All

Hosanna, loud hosanna the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
the victory palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

Text: Jennette Threlfall; Music: *Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Hofkapelle*, Württemberg, 1784.

Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

Compassionate God, your love finds full expression in the gift of Jesus Christ your Son, who willingly met betrayal and death to set us free from sin. Give us courage to live obediently in these days until we greet the glory of our risen Saviour.

People Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Reader The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 31: 9-16

Choir

Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, my soul and my body also.
For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of my affliction,
and my bones are consumed.
I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even
to my neighbours, an object of dread to my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street they flee from me.
I am forgotten like one that is dead, out of mind;
I have become like a broken vessel.
For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is on every side;
they scheme together against me, and plot to take my life.
But my trust is in you, O Lord.
I have said, 'You are my God.
'My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
'Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and save me for your mercy's sake.'

The Second Reading

Philippians 2: 5-11

Reader

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader

The word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Choir



People

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Choir

Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him
the name which is above every name.

People

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew *Matthew 27: 11-54*

Please refer to the Gospel Insert.

Homily

The Prayers of the People

Presider Sustained by God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the Church, the World
and for all people according to their needs.

Intercessor Hear us Lord,

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

At the conclusion of the prayers.

Presider We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast grace and
mercy and your promise to renew your whole creation, through Jesus
Christ our Saviour.

People **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Presider Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God
welcomes sinners and invites us to this table. Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,

All **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not
loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as
ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Presider Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

We offer each other a sign of peace, as you feel comfortable.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

An offering will now be taken to support the life and ministry of the Cathedral.

Offertory Hymn

Tune: Love Unknown

All My song is love unknown, my Saviour's love to me;
love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be,
O who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow;
but all made strange, and none the longed for Christ would know:
but oh my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend?
Sometimes they strew his way, and his sweet praises sing,
resounding all the day hosannas to their King;
then "Crucify!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.

Why, what has my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.
They rise and needs will have my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save, the Prince of life they slay.
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes, that he his foes from thence might free.
Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine;
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine!
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

Text: Samuel Crossman, alt.; Music: John N. Ireland.

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Gracious God, the suffering and death of Jesus, your only Son, makes us pleasing in your sight. Alone we can do nothing, but through his sacrifice, may we receive your love and mercy.

People **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who for our salvation became obedient unto death. The tree of defeat became the tree of victory: where life was lost, life has been restored. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the heavenly chorus, we cry out to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus & Benedictus

Choir Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Presider We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling a people into covenant with you; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, Father, according to his command,

People **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

Presider and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

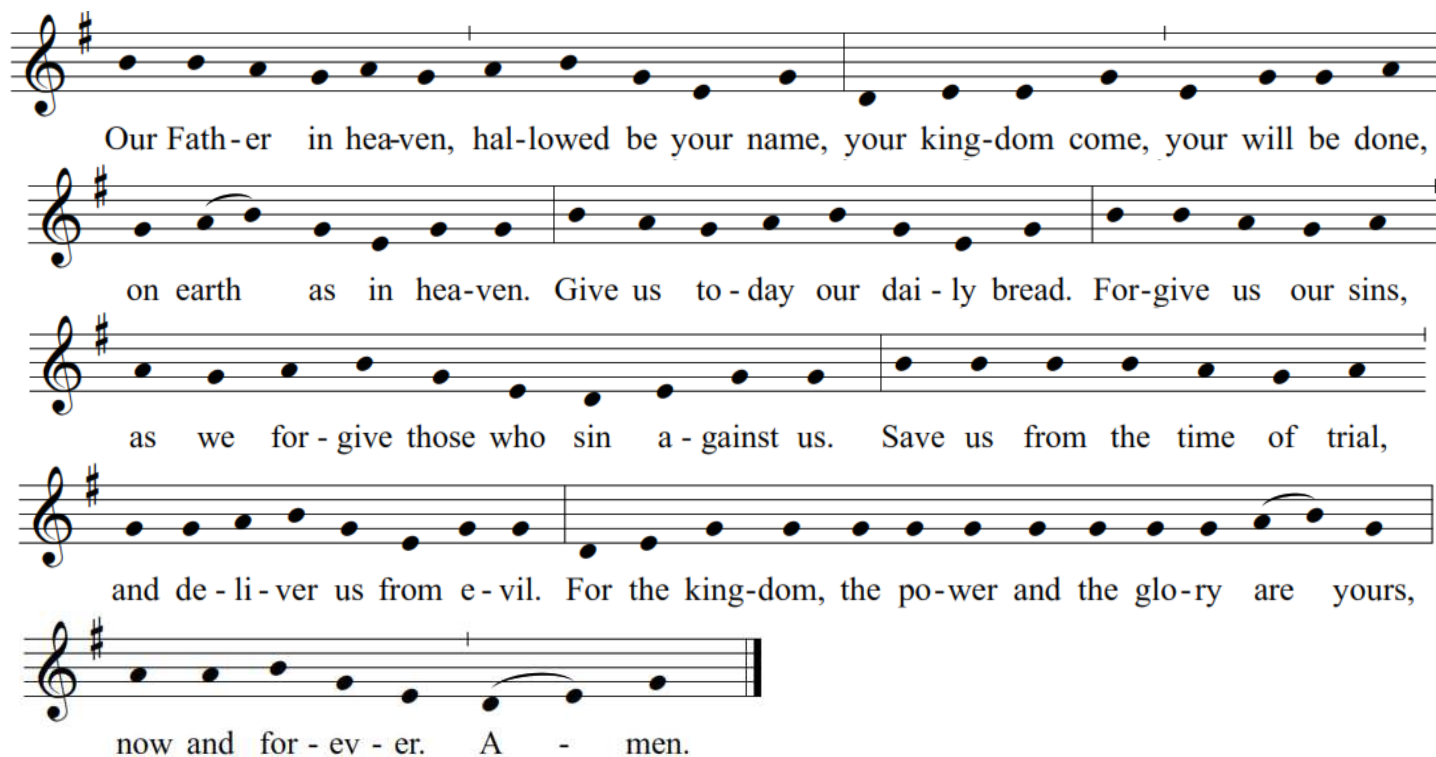
In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

McNeil Robinson

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,



Our Fath-er in hea-ven, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come, your will be done,
on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins,
as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
and de-li-ver us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the po-wer and the glo-ry are yours,
now and for-ev-er. A-men.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider We break this bread,

All **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Presider Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

All **If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

The Communion

Presider Behold who you are,

People **May we become what we receive.**

Agnus Dei

Choir Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.

If you choose not to receive communion, simply cross your hands over your chest to indicate this to the priest. For those requiring gluten-free hosts or not wanting to walk up the chancel steps, please go to the Lady Chapel. It is not permitted to dip the bread in the wine for health reasons.

Prayers for healing and anointing are available at St. John's Altar (on the left).

Communion Hymn

Tune: Franconia

All Christ bids us break the bread and share the cup he gave,
in token of the blood he shed for those he died to save.

It was for us he came, to bear, by human birth,
a crown of thorn, a cross of shame, for every child of earth.

The Saviour crucified in glory rose again:
we here remember him who died, ascended now to reign.

Our hearts his word obey, in thankfulness and love:
we feed on Christ by faith today and feast with him above.

O Christ, once lifted up that we might be forgiven,
we take the bread and drink the cup and share the life of heaven.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith.

Music: Melody Johann Balthasar König; adapt. William Henry Havergal.

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Motet

Ave Verum

W.A. Mozart

Choir *Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine,
cuius latus perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.
O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu, fili Mariae.*

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
who having truly suffered, was sacrificed
on the cross for mankind, whose pierced side
flowed with water and blood:
May it be for us a foretaste of the Heavenly banquet
in the trial of death.
O sweet, O holy, O Jesus, son of Mary.

Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray.

God our help and strength, you have satisfied our hunger with this eucharistic food. Strengthen our faith, that through the death and resurrection of your Son, we may be led to salvation, for he is Lord now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Blessing

Presider Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family for whom Our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Presider May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, now and always.

People **Amen.**

Hymn

Tune: Winchester New

All

Ride on, ride on in majesty
as all the crowds 'Hosanna!' cry:
through waving branches slowly ride,
O Saviour, to be crucified.

Ride on, ride on in majesty,
in lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, your triumph now begin
with captured death, and conquered sin!

Ride on, ride on in majesty
the angel armies of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty,
the last and fiercest foe defy:
the Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty,
 in lowly pomp ride on to die:
 bow your meek head to mortal pain,
 then take, O God, your power and reign!

Text: Henry Hart Milman; Music: Melody *Musicalisches Hand-Buch*, Hamburg, 1690.

Dismissal

Priest Let us go to the world in peace and loving service.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude The Crown of Thorns

T. Bell

Presiding Celebrant: The Very Reverend Peter Wall

Homilist: The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields

Deacon of the Mass: The Reverend Canon Beth Benson

First Reader: Ruth Davis • Second Reader: Daisy Pittis • Intercessor: George McNeillie

Passion Readers: Yosola Sholagbade-Adeoye, George McNeillie, The Very Reverend Peter Wall

Communion Ministers: David Grant, Gordon Robison & Paul Seddon

Honorary Verger: Paul Seddon, ODT

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Sung by The Choir of St. James Cathedral

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<p><i>This week, please pray for: Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; Susan Johnson, National Bishop, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada; and the York Group of the Cathedral</i></p>	<p>If you know anyone who would benefit from a call from our pastoral care team, please be in touch with our Sub-Dean & Vicar, The Rev'd Canon Dr. Stephen Fields: sfields@stjamescathedral.ca; 416-364-7865, ext. *235 or The Reverend Canon Beth Benson: bbenson@stjamescathedral.ca, 416-364-7865, ext. *237</p>

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ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL - CONNECTIONS – Sunday, April 2, 2023

***Coffee Hour:** Please join us today after the 9:00am and 11:00am services in Snell Hall.

***Children & Families:** Sunday school meets every Sunday at both the 9:00am and 11:00am services. Email Karyne Whalen at kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca for more information.

***Today - Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser:** We are selling bags of buns at the 8:00am, the 9:00am and the 11:00am services in the South West Porch and in Snell Hall. Support us!

Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum



As we wave our triumphant palms and then make the dramatic transition into the Passion of Jesus on the Sunday we still call ‘Palm Sunday’, but whose more accurate title is *‘The Sunday of the Passion, with the Liturgy of the Palms’*, we begin the most wondrous, holy, and moving week of our Christian year. It is a week we call ‘holy’, because it is composed of so much sanctity, sensuousness, and depth. The lucky ones among us are those who make an intentional ‘walk’ this week through a variety of different, colourful, and evocative liturgies. The impoverished are those who only appear on Palm Sunday and then again on Easter morning. They will have missed so much!

So, do join us for daily Eucharists on Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday, and Holy Wednesday, say the Morning Office with us Monday through Thursday; Walk with us *The Via Crucis* each evening.

Gather together on Maundy Thursday evening for the moving celebration of the Eucharist which remembers the very night on which the Lord’s Supper was instituted. Come prepared to have your feet washed as we mark the servanthood of Jesus and our servanthood as well. This year, **everyone** will be invited to have their feet washed - **all** are encouraged to participate in this amazing act! As darkness engulfs us, we will remove Christian symbols from the Cathedral and will hold Vigil over the Blessed Sacrament.

On Friday, which we call **good**, we will mark the trial, crucifixion, and death of Jesus, in word, song, and prayer solemnly offered by us all, concluding with Evening Prayer.

On the Eve of Easter, we will, of course, light the New Fire and keep the Vigil for Easter – a wonderful service of ancient readings, special canticles and psalms, the sacrament of Holy Baptism, along with the renewal of our own baptismal covenant, and the First Eucharist of Easter!! If you have not been with us for the Vigil before, please do come and be part of this most amazing evening!

Holy Week is a time when time itself is stretched and upset; then the ‘normal’ rhythm of our lives is thrown askew; then the predictable and safe is completely undone; when the meaning of darkness and light becomes fresh and new. It is a week when we walk with our Saviour to His agony and death and rejoice with Him in His, and our, Resurrection! Alleluia!

Come with open hearts; come with bare feet on Thursday evening; bring bells from home to ring in the joyful *Rejouissance* on Easter Eve.

If you cannot be with us throughout, the services of the *Triduum* – *Thursday evening, Friday noon, Saturday evening*) will all be live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel.

Pray for each other and for all those who will take leadership at these multi-faceted services! **See page 4 for the full Holy Week and Easter schedule.**

The Very Rev'd Peter Wall
Interim Dean and Priest-in-Charge

Also, here you will find an important piece written a few years ago by a friend and colleague (a layperson), about some of the problems of language in the text particularly in John's Gospel - it is an important read - I commend it to you.

Holy Week and Anti-Semitism

On page 309, The Book of Alternative Services records “*The term ‘the Jews’ in St John’s Gospel applies to particular individuals and not to the whole Jewish people. Insofar as we ourselves turn against Christ, we are responsible for his death.*”

But still, tough to think about a Jewish child attending our Holy Week services and sitting with us as our gospel verses dramatize the “Jews” chanting “Crucify Him”.

Has the story of Christ’s death in our gospels ever been used to justify fear and hate? Regrettably yes. In 1939 for example, Canada turned away the St. Louis sending 907 desperate men, women and children to the gas chambers. “One is too many” was quite an immigration policy and was supported by some on “biblical” grounds.

So, what are we to do?

When I asked Jo Fricker for input, he told me *“It was not Jews, as a race, who crucified Jesus, but the established authority among whom some were Romans and some were Jews and possibly some others as well. Jesus was a social prophet, a movement initiator, a passionate advocate of God’s justice and a radical critic of the dominant political system. And he had attracted a following. If Jesus had been ONLY a mystic, a healer or a wisdom teacher, he almost certainly would not have been executed. He was because of his politics and because of his passion for God’s justice.”*

Should we change the words of the Holy Week gospels? Some faiths have, substituting “the people” for “the Jews”.

Better I think to deal with it. A good start is to remember that Jesus and his disciples were Jewish, that Jerusalem was a Jewish town, and that Christians weren’t much invented yet. Had we been and had our leaders been as equally threatened as the elders of that day were, we may well have been yelling “Crucify Him” too.

Personally, I take that tact, assuming that if Peter could not stay true “until the cock crows”, neither could I.

Forgiveness for all is what Christ died for.

Others also remind us that the Bible covers a lot. For example, if the book of Leviticus were followed, we’d all have been stoned long ago, straights, gays, anyone who ever wore fabric blends or touched a football...the list goes on and on. But we don’t throw the book away.

We choose how to read, recognizing the warts, admitting our past mistakes, and dealing with them.

Today, Sunday, April 2: Palm Sunday Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser

Hot Cross Buns are on sale now. Buy yours and support us! **Today, Palm Sunday we are selling bags of 3 buns for \$5 at the 8:00am, the 9:00am, and the 11:00am services in the South West Porch and in Snell Hall.** There will also be a limited number of 1 bun bags for \$2 in Snell Hall only during the coffee hours. All proceeds go to supporting the health and foot care clinics and all the wonderful work of our Cathedral Drop-In Centre. **Cash only.**

Sunday, April 9: Annual Easter Egg Hunt: Children’s Ministry



We are looking for volunteers on Sunday, April 9 from 10:15am to 11:00am to help Karyne Whalen our Minister of Children, Youth, and Families supervise the Children's Easter Egg Hunt on the West Lawn of the Cathedral. If you want to help, contact Karyne for more information: kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca Please share this event with your friends and invite the little ones of your family!

Holy Week and Easter at St. James Cathedral

Save the dates and join us with your family and friends.

Palm Sunday: April 2	Maundy Thursday: April 6
<p>8:00am: Said Eucharist</p> <p>9:00am: Sung Eucharist; Blessing of the Palms; Passion Reading from Matthew</p> <p>11:00am: Choral Eucharist; Blessing of the Palms; Passion Reading from Matthew <i>(also live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel)</i></p> <p>4:30pm: Choral Evensong</p>	<p>8:30am: Virtual Morning Prayer <i>(live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel)</i></p> <p>7:00pm: Holy Eucharist; Institution of the Lord's Supper; Foot Washing; Stripping of the Altar; Watch at the Altar of Repose <i>(also live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel)</i></p>
Holy Monday: April 3	Good Friday: April 7
<p>7:30am: Morning Prayer <i>(also live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel)</i></p> <p>8:00am: Holy Eucharist</p> <p>12:15pm: Holy Eucharist</p> <p>6:00pm: The Way of the Cross</p>	<p>11:00am: Confessions in St. George's Chapel</p> <p>12:00pm: A Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday <i>(also live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel)</i></p> <p>3:00pm: Confessions in St. George's Chapel</p>
Holy Tuesday: April 4	Holy Saturday: April 8
<p>7:30am: Morning Prayer <i>(also live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel)</i></p> <p>8:00am: Holy Eucharist</p> <p>11:00am: Chrism Mass: Holy Eucharist; Blessing of Oils; Reaffirmation of Ordination Vows <i>(also live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel)</i></p> <p>6:00pm: The Way of the Cross</p>	<p>9:00pm: The Great Vigil of Easter in the Holy Night <i>(also live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel)</i></p>
Holy Wednesday: April 5	Easter Day: April 9
<p>7:30am: Morning Prayer <i>(also live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel)</i></p> <p>8:00am: Holy Eucharist</p> <p>12:15pm: Holy Eucharist</p> <p>6:00pm: The Way of the Cross</p> <p>During Holy Week, you can also view a prerecorded "Way of the Cross" <i>(on the Cathedral YouTube channel)</i></p>	<p>8:00am: Said Eucharist</p> <p>9:00am: Sung Eucharist <i>(also live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel)</i></p> <p>*10:00am-11:00am: Annual Easter Egg Hunt on the West Lawn of the Cathedral. An invitation from the Children's Ministry. Please, share this event with your friends and invite the little ones of your family!</p> <p>11:00am: Choral Eucharist <i>(also live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel)</i></p> <p>4:30pm: Choral Evensong <i>(also live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel)</i></p>

*Diocesan YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/tordio135

*Cathedral YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/StJamesCathedralToronto/>

WEEKLY SCHEDULE AT THE CATHEDRAL: YOU ARE INVITED

See page 4 for the Holy Week schedule.

VISIT US: Hours for Holy Week (April 3-6)

April 3-5: The Cathedral will be open Monday-Wednesday from 7:30am–3:00 pm.

April 6: The Cathedral will be open on Thursday from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

April 3-6: The Cathedral Centre will be open Monday-Thursday from 9:00am–4:00pm.

MONDAY – WEDNESDAY: (April 3-5) The Way of the Cross at 6:00pm

TUESDAY: Organ recitals will take a short break through April but resume each week on May 9 and beyond.

WEDNESDAY: April 5

Scripture Circle continues on Wednesday at 11:00am in the Cathedral Centre.

We are participating in the Cathedral's *Become the Story we Tell* initiative.

THURSDAY: April 6

7:00pm: Maundy Thursday Service

FRIDAY: April 7

11:00am: Confessions in St. George's Chapel

12:00pm: A Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday (*also live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel*)

3:00pm: Confessions in St. George's Chapel

1:30pm to 3:30pm: Drop-In - Our Cathedral Centre opens its doors for guests to come in for a meal in Snell Hall.

SATURDAY: April 8

9:00pm: The Great Vigil of Easter in the Holy Night

SUNDAY: Coffee Hour: After the 9:00am & 11:00am services in Snell Hall.

SUNDAY SERVICES – Sunday, April 9

8:00am: Said Eucharist

9:00am: Sung Eucharist

11:00am: Choral Eucharist

(also live-streamed on the Diocesan

YouTube channel at [youtube.com/tordio135](https://www.youtube.com/tordio135)).

4:30pm: Choral Evensong

Readings for next Sunday, April 9 – Easter Day

Acts 10: 34-43

Psalms 118: 1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3: 1-4

John 20: 1-18

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